

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PATENT APPLICATION

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:
Inventor(s): VAN BENTHEM et al.
Appln. No.: 09 754,243

Group Art Unit 1711
Examiner: Susan W. Berman
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Filed: January 5, 2001
Title: POWDER PAINT BINDER COMPOSITION

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

Please continue the examination of this application.

PREREQUISITES

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).

Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendments filed March 6 and 28, 2003
2. ☒ The enclosed new Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed ___ and reply brief filed
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement
 - ☐ IDS Letter ☐ Cited Appln ☐ Foreign Search Report/OA
 - ☐ PTO-1449 ☐ Cited Documents
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of ___ months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the required \$130 fee (fee code 098) to our Deposit Account (see below).
7. Petition is hereby made to extend the **original** due date of ___ to cover the date (1 mo) \$110/\$55
this Request is filed. **PLEASE CHARGE** the requisite fee to our Deposit (2 mos) \$410/\$205 + 0
Account (see below) (3 mos) \$930/\$465
8. **PLEASE CHARGE** the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of ☒ \$750 (lg. ent.) ☐ \$375 (sm. ent.) plus any deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 030268 / 0275922

NOTE: Rule 17(e) filing fee Cannot be deferred!
NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED unless you are adding claims by box 2 Amendment in which case cover this with PAT-120.

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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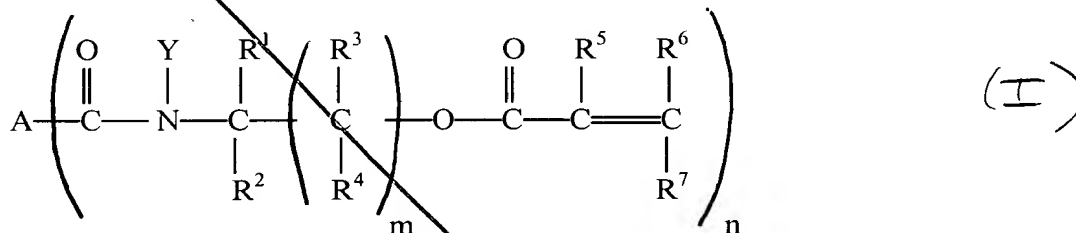
Sir:

Applicants elect to continue prosecution by way of the subject Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Accordingly, withdrawal of the final rejection and entry of the following amended claims (submission) is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

2. (Three times Amended) A radiation curable compound represented by the following formula (I) and which is a mono or multi valent carboxylic acid ester of a β , γ , δ or ϵ -hydroxy-alkylamide group containing compound, wherein the ester is derived from an α , β -ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid:



where:

A = hydrogen, or a monovalent or polyvalent organic group which is derived from a saturated or an unsaturated (C_1 - C_{60}) alkyl, derived from an (C_6 - C_{10}) aryl group, or a condensation polymer P; wherein the condensation polymer P is a polyester, polylactone,